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In re Patent Application of:
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For: POLYCARBOXYLIC ACID CEMENT
DISPERSANT AND METHOD FOR
PRODUCING CONCRETE SECONDARY
PRODUCT

Examiner: E. D. Wood

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed after the mailing date of a Final Office Action or Notice of Allowance, whichever occurred first, but on or before payment of the Issue Fee (37 CFR 1.97(d)). Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) that the Information Disclosure Statement be considered.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii), Applicant has not submitted copies of the U.S. patents. Applicant submits herewith a copy of the foreign patents in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

Foreign Document 1 was cited in an office action issued less than 3 months ago (copy attached) in CN 038001543, a counterpart application. US Patent 1 is an English language counterpart of Foreign Document 1. Relevance of Foreign Document 1 can also be found in its attached English language abstract.

Please note that CN 1261599A is not being submitted since its counterpart US Patent (US Patent 6,486,260) has already been cited by the Examiner in this case.

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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 21581-00320-US.

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